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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/657,802

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For: PREPARATION OF 5-TERT-BUTYL-METAXYLENE USING A SOLID ACTIVE CLAY CATALYST

Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: 13003.0015.NPUS00

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application to include a claim for priority as set forth below: